

Romans: The Gospel

Saved In This Hope

Romans 8:12-27

<p>[Pray] :12-15</p> <p>Therefore ... (previously...spirit, flesh, no condemnation)</p> <p>brethren ... (to you, if you're a believer)</p> <p>Walking by the <u>Spirit</u> or the <u>flesh</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flesh and Spirit are at war, • who wins is up to you • That's freewill • Flesh did nothing for us, don't owe it 	<p>If then (simple) If live <u>according to</u> Toward, by, through out</p> <p><u>It's a matter of your life's direction</u> Remember repentance? 180 turn</p> <p>If flesh, death If Spirit, life</p> <p><i>90's, Oprah, all children of God</i></p> <p><u>Truth: Everyone is a creation, not everyone is a child</u></p>
<p>How then do you become a <u>child</u> of God?</p> <p>John 3:7b "You must be born again."</p> <p>How do you know if you're born again?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you believed? • Have you repented? • You have God's Spirit as a guarantee <p>Anyone can say they are, but what's the <u>evidence</u>,?</p> <p>Simple! Which do you <u>LIVE</u> by? (find life, live, breathe, <u>enjoy?</u> character?)</p> <p>Living water - John 4 (Wed)</p>	<p>So...which do you live by? Flesh, or Spirit?</p> <p>Jesus to Pharisees John 8:44 - "You are of [your] father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [resources], for he is a liar and the father of it.</p> <p>My kids out shopping, who do they follow? Being little in supermarket, wrong mom</p> <p>Who you follow is who your <u>Father</u> is</p> <p><i>Not concerned about attendance, but fruit Not membership, but family (If God's, then...)</i></p>

<p>Not <u>slavery</u> & fear, <u>adoption</u> & love</p> <p>:16-17</p> <p>Spirit Himself!!!!!! What a wonderful relationship!</p> <p>...bears witness <u>with</u> our spirit</p> <p>The <u>interface</u> to God's Spirit is through our spirit - a deep seated connection</p> <p><i>Union of husband and wife Union or His Spirit and ours</i></p> <p>Trinity - three so unified, they're One</p> <p>The Spirit shows us, comforts us, encourages us - that we're his kids</p> <p>Witnessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By His Words • By His presence 	<p>"Ada boy! Ada girl!"</p> <p><i>My kids...</i> <i>"My son!" "My Daughter"</i> <i>loving nicknames</i> <i>covering them, being with them</i> <i>They're MY kids (sorry! ha)</i> <i>They're like me and I'm like them</i></p> <p>Abba Not the 70s band...</p> <p>Daddy!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not dry, stiff, <i>father...</i> • Not disrespectful, yo, daddy-o <i>Man upstairs...</i> <p>If my kids say father, I know they're joking, or something's wrong, distant</p> <p>If not DADDY! The relationship is off somehow</p> <p><i>Dad with whistle in Sound of Music</i></p>
<p>It doesn't stop at being a child!</p> <p><i>That boast about being a King's kid...</i> <i>Boast should be in our Daddy, not our position!</i></p> <p><i>The joys or troubles of being a PK...</i></p> <p><i>An heir to the name and estate</i></p> <p>Being God's kid is just the beginning!</p>	<p>Being a child <u>reveals the right</u> to the blessing of our Father You are entitled to receive blessings of God! <i>Looking at...Is that all you want?</i></p> <p>More than that...the real blessing IS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Father. • The Son, Jesus. • The Holy Spirit. <p>A relationship with God as One as the One between God Himself</p>

Homework Jhn 17:20-26 - "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, [are] in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.**

As the Spirit bears witness in us we bear witness to the world of Jesus!

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. **"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,**

Did you catch his desire there?

that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare [it], that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

<p>Jesus and the Father are One. Jesus is in us, One with us</p> <p>Through Him, we are One with the Father!</p>	<p>What does that make you feel? Do? sit up straight, bow down low, get you walking the right way</p> <p>Like when Dad came home growing up But also make you jump up and down <i>Happy day</i></p>
<p>Heaven's great, can't wait...but in comparison to that? Who cares about the streets! The trees. The river. The fun.</p> <p><i>It ain't heaven unless my heavenly daddy is there And where my heavenly daddy is is home</i></p>	<p>Maybe, if we're not excited for heaven...it's because we haven't let God be our Abba (Daddy)</p> <p><i>doing things too big for me houses, moving... my daddy is there with me</i></p> <p>Maybe we don't know what that's like... but He wants to show you</p>
<p><u>Heirs If ...</u> indeed we suffer <u>with</u> Him</p> <p>There is a <u>cost</u> to unity with God Suffering with Him.</p> <p>Suffering doesn't earn the inheritance It just shows we're actually heirs</p>	<p>As He suffered, so will you As He is glorified, so will you</p> <p>Jhn 15:20 - "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.</p>

<p>:18</p> <p>Consider the Contrast: Life now to life ahead</p> <p>Everything we come up with in this life is about less suffering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine • A/C • Horseless carriage • Grocery store vs. growing your own (division of labor is huge improvement) <p><i>The American/Western bubble vs. the 3rd world</i> <i>It's better here, and that's not wrong</i></p> <p>Improving things isn't bad, it's good - God-given and what God does (you're improved, new heavens & new earth...)</p> <p>Be fruitful with talents, abilities, resources Caring for others with what we can</p>	<p>Just don't sacrifice holiness for comfort</p> <p>Spurgeon M by M 3/10 <i>Brother, beware of the smooth places of the way; if you are treading them, or if the way be rough, thank God for it. If God should always rock us in the cradle of prosperity; if we were always dandled on the knees of fortune; if we had not some stain on the alabaster pillar; if there were not a few clouds in the sky; if we had not some bitter drops in the wine of this life, we should become intoxicated with pleasure, we should dream "we stand;" and stand we should, but it would be upon a pinnacle; like the man asleep upon the mast, each moment we should be in jeopardy.</i></p> <p><i>We bless God, then, for our afflictions; we thank Him for our changes; we extol His name for losses of property; for we feel that had He not chastened us thus, we might have become too secure. Continued worldly prosperity is a fiery trial.</i></p> <p><i>"Afflictions, though they seem severe, In mercy oft are sent."</i></p>
<p>Although the real world is awful (we forget that...war...)</p> <p>Suffering for suffering's sake is not more holy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not taking care of people, things • Be a good steward <p>Whether you're born in Monaco mansion or a slum in Brazil <i>Although the glory of the rich fades</i></p> <p><u>It's not what you go through that counts</u></p>	<p><u>It's what you do with what you're given</u></p> <p>The world wants heaven now Destroys anything to get it</p> <p><i>The end goal of environmentalism? Less people.</i></p> <p>False teachers promise your best life now! <i>No way! Now better be worse than later!</i></p> <p><u>The worst sufferings?</u> <u>Don't even compare!</u></p>

What do the hard things do, with the person walking in the Spirit?

- Reveal Jesus to them personally
- Create longing for heaven
- Show the world what it's missing and can't create

Your sufferings with God's provision, becomes your testimony (witness with what you witness!)

2Co 4:16-18 - Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward [man] is being renewed day by day. **For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding [and] eternal weight of glory**, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen [are] temporary, but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.

:19-22

Even creation itself...

Personification

life in everything God created

molecules interact, atoms buzz, planets orbit

The revealing of the sons of God

Apokalypsis -

laying bear, disclosure, appearance

The end of all things! Revelation

Time itself is moving forward to the final reveal.

Not still. Not backward.

Can't be stopped.

Bake your mental bread on Planck time

The word here is actually a noun... a specific event -the APOCALYPSE

You keep using that word, I don't think it means what you think it means...

Place - Armageddon (hill of Megido)

Sons of God

Believers, heirs (not angels here)

Tribulation time - once you take the mark, you are sealed - choice done - you chose not to be an heir of heaven, but of hell

How we walk now reveals who we really are

Church and world...

Current mass exposure of cover ups

God is making the lines very clear Who/what is and isn't His

1Pe 4:17 - For the time [has come] for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if [it begins] with us first, what will [be] the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

DG - God's children know who they are.

Bondage of corruption = slaves Glorious freedom = children

Remember being a kid? no responsibility, cares, worries? Running, jumping, playing, laughing

Event - Apocalypse (revealing) - Jesus, king
Even the awful brokenness of the world, the increasing troubles, are birthpangs for the glory to come

(Matthew 24 homework)

Are really birthpangs of a dying mother nature
All of creation is awaiting that delivery

- New creation
- New life
- New ruler

But it's only for the heirs

The rest will fall for the counterfeit now

:23-25

Believer, you already have the firstfruits of that future, heavenly, deliverance

- Deliverance from sin
- From the law
- From judgment
- From condemnation
- From being fatherless, family-less

The start? Pentecost!

The birth of the church

If God's your Father

Your church is your family

Don't have to like 'em, have to love 'em

What do all us orphans of the world do together? Eagerly await the adoption!

Papers are signed. Daddy is on His way, we just have to hang tough until He gets us

A reminder that we're children loved, brought into an existing family

Not workers who earn rescue, can boast in achievement (that's the world!)

Believer, do you groan within yourself for heaven?

Don't complain, groan!

Look forward to heaven, cry out to God for Him to come back soon!

Groaning gives way to Hope!

Saved in it, and we have seen it.

That's why we hope!

You've met Jesus - seen Him in spirit

You've had heavenly vision - not empty hope

You know heaven is coming, live like it! Groan for it!

Heb 11:1-3 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ... the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

You too, child of God, made by things not seen, Greater than what you can see physically

With perseverance. Not just waiting. But waiting and hanging on

Guy hanging on to hanglider...

:26-27

**And you're not alone!
the Holy Spirit helps us**

Why do we need a helper?

Because we're not God, we're kids!

We weren't made for a perfect world without our Father. Let alone this broken one!

Psa 103:14 - For He knows our frame; He remembers that we [are] dust.

Even Prayer can be groaned

pain, anguish, stress...no words

**God knows exactly what you're saying,
feeling, going through**

**He's OK listening if you don't even know
what you're feeling or how to express it**

The Holy Spirit himself - translates

**Doesn't that give you hope?
Cause you to pray differently?
Especially in suffering?**

Not to a distant Father, a loving Daddy

- Who you've seen through Jesus
- Who lives in you by His Spirit
- Who's preparing a place for you -
a loving HOME for eternity

**Having a sure hope of a place
you've seen - witnessed now**

Matthew 6:20b where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

The purpose of the gift of tongues...

Communicate with God above our underst.

Not prove salvation DG

Wednesday night - praying to Father?

Jesus? Holy Spirit? All three!

Trinity, one points to another continually

Spirit will point you to Jesus.

Jesus makes intercession to the Father.

The Father reminds you that you're a child.

The Spirit bears witness

You cry out Abba...

Like loving parents...

He will talk about you with Himself!

- He knows what you mean
- What you need
- **It's His will to hear it**
To answer it

Jesus is God's Son

**Remember...it's as if Jesus prayed when
you pray**

Rev 21:3-4 - And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them [and be] their God. "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

That's the place you're saved for

The purpose of suffering

To make sure you GET there

**Your just travelling through
on the way home...**

Have you read the adoption letter?

